

REMARKS

The Examiner has suggested a new Title. Applicants have amended the Title to conform to the Examiner's suggestion.

Claims 3, 6-8, 10-13, 16, 20, 21, 23, 24 and 26-29 have been indicated by the Examiner to contain allowable subject matter.

Claim 6 has been amended to include the limitations of independent claim 1. Claim 6 is accordingly in condition for favorable action and allowance.

Claims 10 and 13 have been amended to include the limitations of independent claim 9. Claims 10-14 are accordingly in condition for favorable action and allowance.

Claim 20 has been amended to include the limitations of independent claim 14. Claim 20 is accordingly in condition for favorable action and allowance.

Claim 26 has been amended to include the limitations of independent claim 25. Claims 26-29 are accordingly in condition for favorable action and allowance.

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 9, 14-15, 17-19, 22 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(e) as being anticipated by Kobayashi.

Claim 1 has been amended to distinguish over the Figure 2 circuit of Kobayashi. There is no teaching or suggestion in Kobayashi for two oscillators or for a circuit operation wherein a first oscillator is enabled responsive to a control circuit that changes enable signal state following a predetermined number of oscillations of a second oscillator. Claims 1-5 and 7-8 are accordingly believed to be patentable.

Claim 9 has been amended to distinguish over the Figure 2 circuit of Kobayashi. There is no teaching or suggestion in Kobayashi for counting a predetermined number of clock cycles

following initial powering up of a circuit, then generating an enable signal responsive to that count, and applying the enable signal to enable operation of an oscillator circuit. Claim 9 is accordingly believed to be patentable.

Claim 14 has been amended to distinguish over the Figure 2 circuit of Kobayashi. There is no teaching or suggestion in Kobayashi for having the enable circuit transition its output from an inactive state to an active state so as to enable oscillation of the oscillator circuit, where that transition happens a predetermined number of counted clock cycles following the circuit being initially powered. Claims 14-19 and 21-24 are accordingly believed to be patentable.

Claim 25 has been amended to distinguish over the Figure 2 circuit of Kobayashi. There is no teaching or suggestion in Kobayashi for a circuit having an oscillation signal input; and oscillator circuitry for receiving an enable signal and generating the oscillating signal following a predetermined number of counted clock cycles following the received enable signal transitioning state. Claim 25 is accordingly believed to be patentable.

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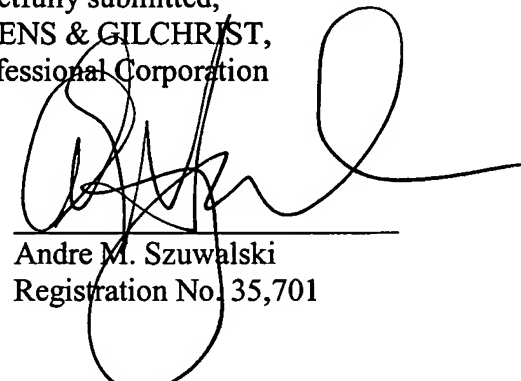
PATENT APPLICATION

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In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the Section 102 rejection is requested. Applicant further respectfully submits that the application is in condition for favorable action and allowance.

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